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**REPORT ON INVESTIGATION OF
DRS. DEGAN AND KUTH PLANT.**

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Personnel of Investigating
Team

1st Lt. EUGENE E. SCHWARZ, M.C.

Composition of Field Team - The team investigating this target consisted of only one member, 1st Lt. Eugene E. Schwarz, MC. A.U.S.

Topography

The target is situated on 107 Jülicherstr in Birkesdorf, which is a small village on the outskirts of Düren, on the main road connecting Düren and Jülich.

Description

The target consisted originally of four large factory buildings, an administration building and a power plant. Storage facilities consisted of one large building with subdivisions. The exact nature of the original plant can be learned from a factory plan, which was found and has been forwarded through channels. There were two laboratories; one was a large general research laboratory and the other was a small private laboratory. It is believed that the latter laboratory was used by Dr. Degan and a Dr. Jagelki.

Manufacturing facilities

From the remnants of manufacturing facilities which remained, it was apparent that the factory specialized in the manufacture of dressing materials, bandages and cotton, and ointments. Besides that, tablets such as sulfonilamide, certain cardiacs and Valeriana preparations were manufactured.

Present findings

The target has been completely destroyed by artillery shells and aerial bombing. Whether or not sabotage by the Germans contributed to the destruction of the factory cannot be determined. Information received revealed that the factory had been used as a Battalion Command Post by the Germans prior to our attacks on Düren, and probably is accountable for its complete destruction. It appears that the factory has been abandoned quite some time ago. A document found on one of the doors leading to the main laboratory reads as follows:

"Da ich verreise, rufe ich einen jeden meiner
Mitarbeiter und Mitarbeiterinnen ein Lebewohl
zu.

"Gott der Herr schutze einen jeder, seine Familie
und unsere Fabrik!

"Dr. Jagelki
"Düren, 21 Oct 1944"

(Translation:---

"Since I have to go on a trip, I say to each one of my co-workers, both male and female, a hearty farewell.

"God the Lord, protect each one of you, his family and our factory.

"Dr. Jagelki

"Duren, 21 Oct 1944."

This document suggests that the factory was at least partly abandoned as early as 21 Oct 1944 and that only a skeleton crew was left behind; or possibly that the factory was abandoned altogether on this date and taken over by the German army. The small farewell note, quoted above, written in ink, is remarkably clean, and substantiates the belief that the door of the main laboratory was not used very much after the indicated date. A considerable quantity of arms and ammunition was found in the factory.

All machines and manufacturing facilities were completely destroyed. The heavy rust formation on all manufacturing equipment indicated that the machines have not been used for a considerable period of time.

No supplies were found. They were either destroyed by fire or removed by the Germans.

Documents

Documents found in the main safe or in the offices of the Administration Building were reviewed very carefully. None of them contained any information of scientific or technical value. The contents of the safe consisted primarily of private papers, such as, private correspondence, tax papers, information concerning personnel of the factory, etc. It appears that most of the documents had been removed prior to the capture of Duren since those that were found bore date lines up to 1941. There were no papers or documents on recent research and development, or matter under investigation. This applies equally to a small library adjacent to the laboratories. Several books and documents were removed and have been forwarded through channels to this office.

Nine pictures of the target (laboratories, Administration Bldg. and several factory rooms) were taken and will be forwarded through channels. These are not of sufficient value to warrant incorporation in this report.

CONCLUSIONS:

The CIOS target 24/39 has been completely destroyed together with all its equipment and is of no further use.

All supplies have either been destroyed or removed by the Germans.

No documents of value were found.



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